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SUBJ: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING: VENUE AND TIMING

1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR WHITE CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER MAY 29, TO CONVEY PRIME MINISTER KIRK' S REQUEST FOR A RESPONSE TO HIS EARLIER PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING THIS YEAR IN WELLINGTON, AND TO SUGGEST EARLY OR LATE OCTOBER IF MID- JULY SHOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR SECRETARY ROGERS. AMBASSADOR PORTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ONE OF THE OPTIONS WOULD PROVE FEASIBLE AND SAID HE WOULD CONSULT THE SECRETARY AS SOON AS THE LATTER RETURNED FROM ICELAND. END SUMMARY.

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2. AMBASSADOR WHITE TOLD UNDER SECRETARY PORTER THAT HE HAD A MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER KIRK WHO WAS BECOMING CONCERNED THAT IT WAS TIME TO FIX THE DATE FOR THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING. THE PRIME MINISTER'S PREFERENCE WAS FOR HOLDING THE MEETING IN WELLINGTON. HIS FIRST CHOICE ON TIMING WAS IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY, ANY TIME BETWEEN MID- JULY AND JULY 28. HIS SECOND CHOICE, IF JULY SHOULD BE AWKWARD FOR THE SECRETARY, WOULD BE EARLY OR LATE OCTOBER. KIRK WANTED TO ATTEND THE UNGA AND TO VISIT JAPAN AND SINGAPORE DURING THE MIDDLE PART OF OCTOBER.

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